Precious Corals Discussion Group #1

Convened by Sustainable Resources Group Int'l, Inc.

October 7, 2003 1:00 – 4:00pm

Honolulu International Airport Conference Room Inter-Island Terminal

Meeting goal: To clarify facts, address critical issues, and engage in some debate about precious corals in the NWHI.

Outcomes: Clarification and highest degree of agreement possible on facts; highest degree of agreement possible on critical issues and ways to address them; identification of and discussion around differing points of view about precious corals in the NWHI; and identification of which questions cannot be answered at this time and why.

Agenda

1:00-1:15pm	Purpose, guidelines, and review of meeting agenda by facilitator Dee Dee Letts
1:15-1:30pm	Overview of Sanctuary designation process and role of fishing discussion groups, by 'Aulani Wilhelm (NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve)
1:30-4:00pm	Facilitated discussion based on distributed set of talking points by Dave Shafer and Dee Dee Letts
1:30-2:15pm	Resource ecology of precious corals in the NWHI
2:15-2:45pm	NWHI and MHI precious corals fisheries
2:45-3:00pm	Break
3:00-3:45pm	Management of precious corals in the NWHI
3:45-4:00pm	Conclusions and Next Steps

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